

THE COMMITTEE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

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QUALIFICATIONS

For City Council of Torrance, Election April 10, 1956, of

Nickolas O. Drale For Re-Election **Walter A. Garrabrant** For Election **Beverly B. Smith** For Election

Nickolas O. Drale

- * Born in Indiana
- * Educated in Pennsylvania
- * Moved to Torrance in 1933
- * Employed at Columbia Steel Co., Torrance, for 20 years, starting as laborer and working up to guide setter.
- * During his spare time, studied for and passed the California examinations for Real Estate Broker and Insurance Agent.
- * Purchased the pioneer Real Estate and Insurance Business of B. C. Buxton, former Councilman, owns his place of business, the "Biggest Little Office Building" in Torrance, and owns his own home.
- * Married to Frances Drale, and they have three children, ages 9, 11, 17.
- * Member of the Episcopal Church.
- * Mason, member of the Shrine, the Elks, Moose and Civilian Club.
- * Active in Civic Affairs, and former Vice President, Milky Williams Local No. 1414, USA-CIO.
- * Elected to the City Council in 1948.
- * Re-elected to the City Council in 1952.
- * Mayor of Torrance in 1954-55.
- * Sponsored much of the good and progressive legislation of Torrance.



Walter A. "Garry" Garrabrant

- * Born in Waterloo, Iowa.
- * Moved to Torrance in 1947.
- * Educated in Iowa.
- * Operated advertising and publicity service in Chicago and Kansas City for 12 years.
- * Spent 30 years in the general contracting business, mostly custom built homes.
- * Active in civic affairs.
- * President of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Assn. two years.
- * Past-President of Redondo Beach Rotary Club.
- * President of Building Contractors Assn. of California, Bay Area chapter.
- * Serving second term, Board of Directors, Torrance Chamber of Commerce.
- * Starting in 1947 built the first new homes and apartments in the Hollywood Riviera area.



Beverly B. Smith

- * Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- * Resident of California since 1895.
- * Resident of Torrance for 38 years.
- * Raised and educated in Whittier.
- * Attended business college in Los Angeles.
- * Employed at The National Supply Co., Torrance, 38 years ago as traveling time keeper.
- * Took course at Southwestern University in plant and factory management.
- * Now Superintendent of Service and Supplies, The National Supply Co., Torrance.
- * Married to Millian Mae Smith.
- * President of the Torrance Holding Co.
- * Past-President of the Management Club, The National Supply Co.
- * President City Planning Commission, Torrance, 6 years.



These Candidates Stand For:

1. Separate school and municipal elections.
2. A well balanced city with sufficient industry, commerce, homes and schools.
3. Fair play in all matters pertaining to Civil Service.
4. Adequate police protection for all of Torrance.
5. A Superior Court for the City of Torrance.
6. Adequate draining and flood control measures throughout the entire community.
7. More parks and recreation facilities and a closer understanding between schools and city in the use of school and municipal recreation facilities.
8. More off street parking.
9. Major highways and street developments in our city.
10. Economy, honesty, integrity and efficiency in government.
11. Alertness at all times to curb delinquency.
12. A chance for our citizens to be heard or to vote on controversial issues.
13. To endorse and elect city officials who have integrity and who will devote their time, their abilities and their efforts in fulfilling this platform.

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Torrance-Made Drilling Rigs May Open New Fields in Japan

Wildcat drilling to depths below 12,000 feet may be started soon in Japan, where present wells have a maximum depth of less than 5000 feet. In preparation for such deep drilling, the Teikoku Oil Co. has purchased a Type 110 Rig from

The National Supply Co., and expects to begin operations this month.

The equipment, which was rigged up and test operated at National Supply's Torrance plant prior to shipment, arrived in Yokohama in January, and was scheduled to be shipped to the Higashi Nagaoka area at the end of Japan's rainy season. It may possibly be used in offshore drilling.

First Since War
This is the first complete rig purchased by the Japanese oil industry since 1937. At that time, Japanese interests purchased a large steam rig from The National Supply Co. for use on Formosa. In 1949, the U. S. Army, under direction of SCAP, shipped a rig to Japan, but this was returned to the United States unused.

The decision to seek oil at greater depth is the outgrowth of geological and geophysical studies conducted by American technicians during the time of the Allied Occupation of Japan. Subsequently the Teikoku Oil Co. expanded its own studies along these lines, and is understood to have located numerous structures that are considered favorable to the possible discovery of oil.

Import Approved
When decisions were made to drill below 12,000 feet, the Japanese government authorized the issuance of import licenses and dollar exchange to permit the purchase of machinery. National Supply did considerable business with the Japanese oil industry from 1910 until the beginning of World War I. After that war, however, the Japanese

began manufacturing their own oil field equipment primarily for shallow drilling.

Japan's deepest wells, 5880 feet, are in the Yabasa field, discovered in 1934 in northwest Honshu Island. There are seven other fields, in which the maximum depths range from 680 to 4270 feet. The oldest field, Higashipama, was discovered in 1893.

For many years, production in Japan was controlled by the refining companies, which were unwilling to assume the financial risks of exploratory drilling.

Fields Exploited
Prior to World War II, the Japanese government established the Teikoku Oil Co., owned half privately and half by the government, and gave it a virtual monopoly of production. The fields were exploited to obtain maximum possible recovery, without respect to efficient production. Much of the nation's refining capacity was destroyed by Allied bombing during the war, but the industry has been rehabilitated since 1950, largely with the aid of foreign capital.

Early in 1956, the Japan Petroleum Exploration Company, Ltd., owned half by the government and half by a consortium of oil companies, including Teikoku Oil Co., was established to carry on wildcatting operations. However, it is understood that the National Type 110 Rig will be used by the Teikoku Oil Co. within its own areas of operation.

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